## OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: HB 1069
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## **HB** 1069

HB 1069 amends current law to require audits of public schools to include tests for compliance with legal requirements for distribution and use of classroom supply funds. The audit must include a report of all classroom supply funds carried over from previous years. The State Auditor is required to report to the House and Senate Education and Appropriation committees on school districts' compliance or noncompliance with such legal requirements.

HB 1069 is effective July 1, 2002.

MDE supports HB 1069 and reports that it is a good accountability bill. Discussion in the House Education Committee regarding this bill concluded that the bill could help alleviate teachers' allegations or concerns that they are not receiving all of their classroom supply funds.

I recommend that you sign HB 1069.